

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting September 25, 2008

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions

- The Board recognized Dr. Billy K. Cannaday Jr. for his tenure as Virginia superintendent of public instruction.

Public Comment

- Kitty Boitnott, president of the Virginia Education Association, discussed Standards of Quality funding.
- Thomas Nash, executive director of intervention and prevention services for the Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education, discussed the proposed special education regulations.
- Dr. Susan Clark, director of special programs for Stafford County Public Schools, discussed the proposed special education regulations.
- Wyllys VanDerwerker, special education director of Lynchburg City Public Schools and member of the Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education, discussed the proposed special education regulations.
- Emily Dreyfus, community education and outreach director for JustChildren, discussed the proposed special education regulations.
- Angela A. Ciolfi, an attorney for JustChildren, discussed the proposed special education regulations.
- Dr. Richard Sebastian, instructional technology specialist for the Virginia Adult Learning Center of Virginia Commonwealth University, discussed the “Plugged In” GED program.
- Sheree Brown Kaplan, chair of the special education committee for Fairfax County PTA, discussed the proposed special education regulations.
- Mariah Haw, a parent and member of the Williamsburg James City County Special Education Advisory Committee, discussed the proposed special education regulations.

Action and Discussion Items

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| A. Final review of proposed new <i>Regulations Governing Public Participation</i> (8 VAC 20-11-10) and repeal of <i>Public Participation Guidelines</i> (8 VAC 20-10-10 et seq.) under the fast-track provisions of the Administrative Process Act (APA) | The Board adopted the <i>Regulations Governing Public Participation</i> and authorized Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff to proceed with the fast-track regulatory process under the APA and relevant sections of the Executive Order. After the required steps are completed the regulations will go into effect. |
| B. Final review of the proposed revisions to the <i>Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia</i> (8 VAC 20-81-10 et seq.) | The Board accepted additional changes, adopted revisions to the <i>Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia</i> and authorized VDOE staff to proceed with the remaining steps required by the APA, and to make any minor technical or typographic changes that do not affect the substance of the standards. When the regulations become effective per the APA, VDOE will notify local school divisions of the changes. |

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| C. First review of requests from three school divisions for ratings of Conditionally Accredited | The Board waived first review and approved the recommendations to give the rating of Conditionally Accredited to three schools: Westwood Middle in Danville, Brighton Manor Elementary in Portsmouth and William Ruffner Middle in Roanoke. |
| D. First review of requests for continuation of the rating of Conditionally Accredited from eight school divisions | The Board waived first review and approved the recommendations to give the rating of Conditionally Accredited to 10 schools: Caroline Middle in Caroline County; Hampton Harbor Academy in Hampton; New Bridge in Henrico County; Lake Taylor Middle in Norfolk; Cradock Middle in Portsmouth; Chandler Middle and Thomas C. Boushall Middle in Richmond; Lucy Addison Middle in Roanoke; Sussex Central Middle and Ellen W. Chambliss Elementary in Sussex County. |
| E. Report on Petersburg Public School's implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and findings of the Division-Level Review | The Board waived first review and accepted the recommendations for Petersburg Public Schools to provide data as indicated in the required quarterly report on October 15, 2008, for review by the Accountability Committee for Schools and Divisions on October 23, 2008. Per the MOU, and based on 2008-2009 accreditation ratings, Petersburg will proceed with plans to provide a choice option for middle school students for the 2009-2010 school year. |
| F. First review of the 2007-2008 Annual Report on Public Charter Schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia | The Board waived first review and approved the 2008 Annual Report on Charter Schools in Virginia pursuant to §22.1-212.15, <i>Code of Virginia</i> . The report will be forwarded to the Governor and the General Assembly as required by §22.1-212.15, <i>Code of Virginia</i> . |
| G. First review of plan for increasing number of students obtaining industry certification and licensures | The Board waived first review and approved the plan. |
| H. Final review of proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2009 calendar year | The Board adopted the list of meeting dates for 2009 and authorized the VDOE staff to disseminate and post the date on the appropriate Web sites. |
| I. First review of proposed revised <i>Guidelines and Standards of Learning for Family Life Education</i> as required by the 2008 General Assembly | The Board accepted for first review the revised guidelines and will have final review at the October 23, 2008, Board of Education meeting. Upon Board adoption of the 2008 revised guidelines, VDOE staff will make them available to school divisions. |
| J. First review of the Standards of Quality (SOQ) | The Board requested that the proposed resolution be revised to reflect the Board's support of full funding of the seven staffing recommendations despite budget constraints facing the Governor and General Assembly. A revised proposal is expected to be presented to the Board for first review at the October 23, 2008, Board meeting with final review expected to take place on November 20, 2008. |

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Reports

- Statewide Dropout Prevention Summit planned for October 28

Discussion of Current Issues by Board of Education Members and Superintendent of Public Instruction

- Gary Jones requested that any attorney general opinions concerning the role of foster parents be provided to Board members.

Executive Session

After returning from Executive Session, the Board voted to:

- Reinstate the license of David Elliott Yezek.

Adjournment

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